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1. European Patent Publication No. EP 0 613 757 B1 - The relevance of this document is discussed at page 4 of the specification of the present application. An English-language translation of the claims is shown at columns 7 and 8 of the document.

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